Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Please explain once more.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—I have put the question thrice. If you have not understood it, I don't want an answer.

Assistant and Sub-Assistant Surgeons entertained during the past 5 years.

305. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to place a statement on the table showing the names of the Assistant and Sub-Assistant Surgeons entertained in the Medical Department in 1098, 1099, 1100, 1101 and 1102 with the date of appointment of each ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The information is contained in the statement appended. (*Vide Appendix VII.*)

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Is the preponderance of caste-Hindus in this list due to want of applicants from non-caste Hindus and non-Hindus ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The question is too general to give an answer.—You ask for a list from 1098 to 1102— a very long period— and I should like to know if my answer should refer to any one particular person or appointment or to the appointments as on the whole. It is very difficult to say.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—I mean the whole. May I know what is that preponderance due to ? I put it in the positive form.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—My presumption is that they were the most competent applicants who were available at the time.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Do the orders made at the time of this appointment show that there were no competent applicants from the other communities ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I presume it is so.

Officers using Sirkar conveyances.

306. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the name and official designation of the officers, who had occasion to use Sirkar motor cars, motor boats and saloons under Article 285, *C. S. R.*,—during the last three years ;

(b) what is the amount paid on each occasion for such use by each of them ;

(c) what is the total amount of T. A. drawn on each of such occasions ?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—To give the information, the T. A. bills of the last three years have to be gone through. The Government regret that they are unable to undertake such a laborious task. Information regarding journeys of any particular officer on particular occasions can, however, be furnished, if required.

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